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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 19, 2004

Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliance dated September 13, 2004.

Applicant notes that a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliance was filed on September 21, 2004 by applicants. However, after communicating with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, it appears that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has on file original claims that are different from the original claims applicant is aware as being filed. Thus, the Response to Notice of Non-Compliance filed on September 21, 2004 did not allegedly address the appropriate concerns and therefore this Response is offered to correct the situation.

The Notice of Non-Compliance states that the claims in the Reply filed on August 12, 2004 have not been properly identified. To correct this problem, applicant provides a corrected "amendments to the claims" section of the Response filed on August 12, 2004.

Although applicant provides the corrected “amendments to the claims”, applicants do so under protest. Applicant maintains that the claims as they appear in our files are the claims that were originally filed with the application and are the correct claims, not the claims the U.S.P.T.O. has on file. It is unclear how the U.S.P.T.O. obtained the claims on file. Applicant notes that the claims alleged by the U.S.P.T.O. to be the originally filed claims, do not correspond to the corresponding International Application (Publication No. WO 02/30100 A2; App. No. PCT/SE01/02111) or any other English language application presently known to applicant’s representatives. Nonetheless, to keep the application from being abandoned, applicant hereby submits the attached “amendments to the claims” section. Applicant respectfully submits that this Reply is fully responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

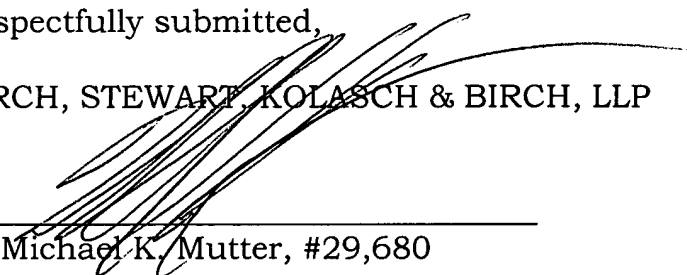
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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